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SUBJECT: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR BULGAR HOTEL CONSTRUCTION

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1. PRESS MAY 8 ANNOUNCED SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT
BY STATE COMMITTEE FOR RECREATION AND TOURISM
AND JAPANESE FIRM " KOXATSO" FOR CONSTRUCTION LARGE
LUXURY HOTEL IN SOFIA.
2. HOTEL WILL BE 20 STORIES AND AWAY FROM CITY CENTER.
REPORTEDLY WILL FEATURE ORIENTAL RESTAURANT AND BOWLING
ALLEYS, BOTH FIRSTS FOR SOFIA.
3. CONSTRUCTION TO BE COMPLETED IN 20 MONTHS USING
LARGELY IMPORTED LABOR AND MATERIALS. JAPANESE WILL
HOLD KEY POSITIONS IN HOTEL INITIALLY AND TRAIN
BULGARIANS TAKE OVER.
4. JAPANESE MANAGEMENT FEE CONTINGENT ON 35
PERCENT OCCUPANCY BY FOREIGNERS. JAPANESE TOURISTS
MAY BE BROUGHT IN BY NEW JAPANESE AIRLINES ROUTE.
5. EMB UNDERSTANDS GOB SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ENDED
NEGOTIATIONS WITH TOWER INTERNATIONAL- HOLIDAY INNS
DUE LATTER 'S INABILITY MEET ALL BULGAR TERMS.

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